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General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Main Committees

First Committee

10 a.m.–1p.m. . . . . 9th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

3–6 p.m. . . . . 10th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects, as well as introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items (items 82 to 97): *item 82* (A/61/133 and A/61/133/Add.1); *item 83* (A/61/183 and A/61/190); *item 84*; *item 85* (A/61/161); *item 86*; *item 87* (A/61/140 (Part I) and A/C.1/61/L.1); *item 88*; *item 89*; *item 90* (A/61/98, A/61/112, A/61/113, A/61/114, A/61/116, A/61/118, A/61/118/Add.1, A/61/124, A/61/127, A/61/159, A/61/159/Corr.1, A/61/159/Add.1, A/61/159/Add.1/Corr.1, A/61/164, A/61/168, A/C.1/61/L.3, A/61/169, A/61/169/Add.1, A/61/171, A/61/171/Add.1, A/61/261, A/61/288, A/61/293 and A/61/344-S/2006/741); *item 91* (A/61/130, A/61/130/Corr.1, A/61/137, A/61/157, A/61/163, A/61/215 and A/61/365); *item 92* (A/61/180 and A/61/297); *item 93* (A/61/160 (Part II) and A/C.1/61/L.2); *item 94*; *item 95* (A/61/123); *item 96* (A/61/134 and A/61/184); and *item 97*

[Other documents: A/C.1/61/1, A/C.1/61/2 and A/C.1/61/INF/1]

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 9th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development (A/61/81–E/2006/73 and A/61/253) . . . . . [52]

Introduction and "question time"

General discussion

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3–6 p.m. 10th meeting Conference R

Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference Financing for Development (A/61/81–E/2006/73 and A/61/253)

Conclusion of general discussion

[*Note*: There will be an informal presentation by the Vice-Chairperson of the Second Committee Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), on available draft proposals under agenda item 51 (Macroeconomic questions), sub-items (b), (c) and (d), and item 52 (Follow-up to and implementation of the outc the International Conference on Financing for Development), *today*, 10 October 2006, from 4 to in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.]

[*Note*: The list of speakers for all other items allocated to the Second Committee is open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Leis (tel. 1 (212) 963-2184; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be sub to Ms. Vivian Pliner, Acting Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 96 5935).]

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 10th meeting Conference R

Advancement of women (A/61/283 and A/61/303)

(a) Advancement of women (A/61/38, A/61/122, A/61/122/Add.1, A/61/318 and A/61/292)

(b) Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women a the twenty-third session of the General Assembly (A/61/174)

Continuation of general discussion

3–6 p.m. 11th meeting Conference R

1. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and t twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.5

2. United Nations Literary Decade: education for all

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.4

3. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on A [60 (d)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.6

4. Crime prevention and criminal justice

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/61/L.7 and A/C.3/61/L.9

To be issued.

5. International drug control [99]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.8

6. Advancement of women (A/61/283 and A/61/303) [61]

(a) Advancement of women (A/61/38[1], A/61/122, A/61/122/Add.1, A/61/318 and A/61/292)

(b) Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third session of the General Assembly (A/61/174)

Continuation of general discussion

[*Note*: The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations are kindly requested to consult the draft programme of work of the Third Committee (A/C.3/61/L.1) prior to contacting the Secretariat with their request for inscription on the list (contact: Ms. Nancy Betcia (tel. 1 (212) 963-5722, fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Delegations that have not submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are reminded to convey such information to the Secretary of the Third Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).]

[1] To be issued.

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. 3rd meeting Conference Room 3

1. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/61/11 and A/61/68) [122]

Conclusion of general discussion

2. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations peacekeeping operations (A/61/139 and A/61/139/Corr.1) [131]

Introduction and general discussion

3. Joint Inspection Unit [124]

Annual report (A/61/34)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1] 1 p.m. **Informal consultations (closed)** Conference Room 5

3-6 p.m. **Informal consultations (closed)** Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/61/11, A/61/68, A/60/140, A/60/140/Corr.1, A/58/189 and A/56/767)); and 131 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nation peacekeeping operations (A/61/139 and A/61/139/Corr.1))

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 3rd meeting of the Committee.

Sixth Committee

10 a.m. 1st meeting — Trusteeship Council Chamber

Allocation of agenda items (A/C.6/61/1)

Organization of work (A/C.6/61/L.1)

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-ninth session (A/61/17) [77]

[*Note*: The list of speakers for agenda items 79 (Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-ninth session), 100 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism), and 128 (Administration of justice at the United Nations) is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marissa Amores (tel.1 (212) 963-5332), fax 1 (212) 963-1963)). Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (room S-3460, fax 1 (212) 963-1963).]

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting — Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting — Conference Room 10

Human resources management

Informal consultations convened by delegations

Tuesday, 10 October 2006

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 60 (a) (convened by the delegation of South Africa, on behalf of the Group of 77)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting — Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects, under agenda item 90 (y) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of South Africa, in collaboration with the delegations of Colombia and Japan)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the in-depth study on violence against women, under agenda item 61 (convened by the delegations of France and the Netherlands)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapon and on Their Destruction, under agenda item 90 (p) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Poland)

2–3 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Informal meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on missing persons, under agenda item 67 (convened by the delegation of Azerbaijan)

3–5 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on international cooperation against the drug problem, under agenda item 98 (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 10 October 2006

Mason Group (on First Committee matters) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada)

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

2006 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship Programme

9 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 1

2–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 1

JUSCANZ Group (on Third Committee matters)

9.15–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (on the draft resolutions on international financial system, debt crisis and development, financing for development, commodities and the International Year of Natural Fibres)

11 a.m.–4 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Group of 77 (Third Committee; item 60 (Social development))

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 (meeting with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on debt)

4–5 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Group of 77 (meeting with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on commodities)

5–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

African Group (Third Committee experts)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Informal exchange of views with the delegations of the Group of African States to the First Committee (organized by the United States Mission)

1.15–2 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Friends of the International Criminal Court: Friends of the International Criminal Court

3–4.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Other activities

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Tuesday, 10 October 2006

Update on the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction — Planned commitments and joint resourcing (organized by the Permanent Missions of Ecuador and Switzerland and the ISDR secretariat)

From 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Elina Palm, ISDR New York Liaison Officer (e-mail palm@un.org).]

Panel discussion on "A youth perspective of migration — Challenges and opportunities for young migrants" (co-sponsored by the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Programme on Youth)

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Jan Martin Munz (e-mail jan@jugenddelegierte.de).]

Special presentation on "Civilizations: Theory, History, Dialogue and the Future" (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

At 5 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend.]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Tuesday, 10 October 2006

Room S-226

Guests at 12 noon	Mr. Jan Egeland, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator; Mr. Michel Jarraud, Secretary-General, World Meteorological Organization; Mr. Hadi Husani, Chief Executive Officer, FOCUS Humanitarian Assistance; and Ms. Katherine Sierra, Vice-President and Head of Network for Infrastructure, World Bank (on disaster reduction)
2.15 p.m.	Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, and Ms. Rachel Mayanja, Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women (on the Secretary-General's in-depth study on all forms of violence against women)

Forthcoming official meetings

Wednesday, 11 October 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Informal Working Group on Mandate Review

3 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 2

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The 7th meeting of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will be held on Wednesday, 11 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The Committee will take action on all draft resolutions and draft decision relating to agenda items on decolonization (items 35, 36, 37, 38 and 39), followed by an interactive session on agenda item 30 (International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space).

Second Committee

Briefing

There will be a briefing of the Second Committee on the annual meetings of the Board of Governors of the Bretton Woods institutions on Thursday, 12 October 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The event, organized by the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be moderated by Mr. Massood Ahmed, Director, External Relations Department of the International Monetary Fund, and presided over by H.E. Mrs. Tiina Intelmann (Estonia), Chairperson of the Second Committee.

Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 4th meeting on Wednesday, 11 October 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 4th meeting in Conference Room 5.

Economic and Social Council

There will be a meeting of the Economic and Social Council on Wednesday, 11 October 2006, at 12 noon in Conference Room 4, to take up consideration of the report of the Committee on Programme and Coordination at is forty-sixth session (A/61/16), under item 7 (a) of the agenda of the 2006 substantive session (Coordination, programme and other questions: reports of coordination bodies). The President of the Council will also brief the Council on outstanding matters before it.

Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
Second session

The second session of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters will take place from Monday, 30 October, to Friday, 3 November 2006, in Conference Room XX, at the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

Delegations are kindly requested to submit the names of observers to the Financing for Development Office, DESA (fax 1 (212) 963-0443; e-mail ffdoffice@un.org). For further information, please contact Mr. Masa Ohyama, Financing for Development Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-4695; e-mail ohyama@un.org).

Forthcoming informal consultations convened by delegations

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on improving coordination of efforts against slavery and trafficking in persons, under agenda item 98 (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

Wednesday, 11 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Friday, 13 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Tuesday, 17 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing, under agenda item 60 (d) (convened by the delegation of South Africa, on behalf of the Group of 77)

Wednesday, 11 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Thursday, 12 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 13 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Open-ended consultations on the draft decision verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification, under agenda item 84 (convened by the delegation of Canada)

Wednesday, 11 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity, under agenda item 98 (convened by the delegation of Italy)

Wednesday, 11 October 2006, from 3.30 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty, under agenda item 96 (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Australia)

Thursday, 12 October, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room A

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on trafficking in women and girls, under agenda item 61 (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Thursday, 12 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction under agenda item 90 (x) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Australia)

Thursday, 12 October 2006, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room A

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the in-depth study on violence against women, under agenda item 61 (convened by the delegations of France and the Netherlands)

Thursday, 12 October 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Monday, 16 October 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures, under agenda item 90 (e) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Thursday, 12 October 2006, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on international cooperation against the drug problem, under agenda item 98 (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Thursday, 12 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 60 (a) (convened by the delegation of South Africa, on behalf of the Group of 77)

Friday, 13 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C

Informal meeting on the draft resolution on conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus, under agenda item 90 (s) (First Committee) (convened by the delegations of France and Germany)

Friday, 13 October 2006, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room A.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Disarmament (informal consultations)

Wednesday, 11 October 2006, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal briefing by the Chairman of the Peacebuilding Commission, with members of the Commission and non-governmental organizations, to discuss peacebuilding priorities in Burundi and Sierra Leone

Wednesday, 11 October 2006, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level)

Thursday, 12 October 2006, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

Friends of the International Criminal Court: Briefing by the Chief Prosecutor of the Court

Tuesday, 17 October 2006, from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in the Penthouse of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library.

Asian Group (monthly meeting)

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

UNITAR/OLA Seminars on Deposit of Treaty Actions with the Secretary-General and the Registration of Treaties

French Seminar

Tuesday, 7 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.45 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

English Seminar

Wednesday, 8 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and *Thursday, 9 November 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Catharina Goldschmidt (tel. 1 (212) 963-9684, e-mail goldschmidt@un.org).]

Other forthcoming activities

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Meeting on "Furthering access to solar energy systems for the two billion people without electricity" (organized by the Non-Governmental Organizations Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development)

Wednesday, 11 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room D.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Roma Stibravy, NGO Committee on Sustainable Development (tel. 1 (212) 703-5069; e-mail unngocsd@gmail.com).]

Tenth Rafael M. Salas Memorial Lecture on "The greatest challenge in the twenty-first century: Gender equality in development" (organized by the United Nations Population Fund)

Wednesday, 11 October 2006, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend.]

Briefing on "Empowering the poor to end poverty in LDCs" (organized by UN-OHRLLS and the Commission on Legal Empowerment of the Poor)

Thursday, 12 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Fred Kirungi (tel. 1 (917) 367-3431; e-mail kirungi@un.org).]

Panel discussion on "Institutional challenges to the implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development" (organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa)

Thursday, 12 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Ejeviome Otobo, Policy Analysis Unit, OSAA (tel. 1 (212) 962-5006); or Ms. Rekia Soumana, OSAA (tel. 1 (212) 963-9247; e-mail soumana@un.org).]

Panel discussion to commemorate World Mental Health Day 2006 on "Global perspectives on suicide and mental health" (organized by the NGO Committee on Mental Health, in cooperation with the World Health Organization)

Thursday, 12 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please e-mail to mentalhealthngo@earthlink.net; or call 1 (917) 842-4733).]

Presentation on "Hostage at the table — How leaders can overcome conflict, influence others and raise performance" (organized by the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Thursday, 12 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-7478).]

Panel discussion on "Challenges of world population in the twenty-first century: Changing age structure of population and its consequences for development" (organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Thursday, 12 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Victor Gaigbe-Togbe, Population Division, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-9900; e-mail gaigbe-togbe@un.org).]

Fifth seminar in the "Unlearning intolerance" Seminar Series of the Department of Public Information, entitled "Cartooning for peace"

Monday, 16 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Rene Tanoy (tel. 1 (917) 367-9326; or e-mail tanoy@un.org).]

Dialogue on "Towards implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples" (co-sponsored by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Division for Social Policy and Development, DESA, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Permanent Mission of Mexico)

Monday, 16 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please consult the following Web site: <www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii>.]

Panel Discussion on "An emerging form of exploitation of women: Harvesting and trafficking of human eggs" (sponsored by the United States Mission)

Monday, 16 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Peggy Kerry, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4054; e-mail kerryp@state.gov).]

Launching of the report "Mairin Iwanka Raya, Indigenous Women Stand against Violence" (co-sponsored by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Division for Social Policy and Development, DESA, the International Indigenous Women's Forum (HWF/FIMI) and MADRE, an international women's human rights organization)

Tuesday, 17 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please consult the following Web site: <www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii>.]

Announcements

Launch of the Peacebuilding Fund

The Secretary-General of the United Nations will launch the Peacebuilding Fund on Wednesday, 11 October 2006, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All delegations are invited to attend. For additional information, please contact Mr. Dominik Bartsch, Peacebuilding Support Office (tel. 1 (917) 367-9522).

Dialogue

There will be a dialogue with Paul Collier, Professor of Economics, Oxford University and Director, Centre for the Study of African Economies, Oxford University, organized by the Peacebuilding Support Office, on Wednesday, 11 October 2006, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, following the conclusion of the launch of the Peacebuilding Fund. Members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission and other interested delegations are invited to attend.

Secretary-General's Lecture Series

The next lecture in the Secretary-General's Lecture Series will be held on Wednesday, 11 October 2006, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in the Dag Hammarsjöld Library Auditorium. Mr. Stephen Schlesinger, Director of the World Policy Institute at the New School University, will speak on the topic "Act of creation: The founding of the United Nations". The Secretary-General hosts this lecture series on topics at the forefront of the humanities and natural sciences, as part of a continuing effort to create a strengthened framework for dialogue and mutual understanding within the United Nations community. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Strategic Planning Unit, Executive Office of the Secretary-General (tel. 1 (917) 367-3556).

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered. The second round of language-specific informational meetings for this year will be held in October and November, according to the following schedule:

Monday, 30 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Arabic*
Tuesday, 31 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Chinese*
Wednesday, 1 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *English*
Thursday, 2 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *French*
Friday, 3 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*
Friday, 3 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*

All meetings will take place in Conference Room 8.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Wednesday, 4 October 2006, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

UNITAR Fellowship Programme at Columbia University Law School and UNITAR Visitors Programme at New York University School of Law, for diplomats accredited to the United Nations

The deadline for registration is Monday, 23 October 2006. For further information, pleas contact the UNITAR office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 963-9196; e-mail goldschmidt@un.org, or info@unitarny.org).

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 9 October 2006

Security Council

5547th meeting (closed) *Recommendation for the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations*

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued through the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 5547th meeting, held in private on 9 October 2006, the Security Council considered the question of the recommendation for the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

"The Security Council adopted by acclamation the following resolution:

'*The Security Council*,

'*Having considered* the question of the recommendation for the appointment of th Secretary-General of the United Nations,

'*Recommends* to the General Assembly that Mr. Ban Ki-moon be appointed Secretary-General of the United Nations for a term of office from 1 January 200 to 31 December 2011.'"

5548th meeting (closed) *The situation in Afghanistan*

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for peace and security (S/2006/727)

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued through the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 5548th meeting, held in private on 9 October 2006, the Security Council considered the item entitled 'The situation in Afghanistan'.

"The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Afghanistan, Finland, Germany, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Pakistan to particip in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

"In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Tom Koenigs, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Afghanistan and Head of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan; and Mr. Antonio Maria Costa, Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

"Members of the Council, Mr. Koenigs, Mr. Costa and the representatives of Afghanistan and Pakistan had an exchange of views."

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

26th plenary meeting

Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1January and 31 December 1994: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the eleventh annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal (A/61/265) [72]; Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the thirteenth annual report of the International Tribunal (A/61/271) [73]: joint debate

The General Assembly took note of the eleventh annual report of the International Tribunal for Rwanda.

The General Assembly took note of the thirteenth annual report of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.

Statements were made by Judge Erik Møse, President of the International Tribunal for Rwanda; and Judge Fausto Pocar, President of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and those countries that aligned themselves with this statement), Canada (on behalf of CANZ), Rwanda, Norway, Croatia, Serbia, Nepal, India, Japan, the Russian Federation and Kenya.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda items 72 and 73.

Report of the International Criminal Court: note by the Secretary-General (A/61/217) [74]

Mr. Philippe Kirsch, President of the International Criminal Court, made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and those countries that aligned themselves with this statement) and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (on behalf of the Caribbean Community).

Programme of work

The President announced that the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations had been appointed as Coordinator of the informal consultations on the draft resolutions under agenda item 69 and its sub-items (a) and (d).

27th plenary meeting

Report of the International Criminal Court: note by the Secretary-General (A/61/217)
[74]

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the African States parties to the Statute of the International Criminal Court), New Zealand (on behalf of CANZ), Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Mexico, Ecuador, Argentina, Egypt, Ukraine, Norway, Brazil, Kenya, Jordan, Peru, Croatia, Serbia, Uruguay, Trinidad and Tobago, Japan, Sierra Leone and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 7

Main Committees

First Committee

7th meeting

General debate

The Chairperson made a statement.

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and related international security agenda items. Statements were made by the representatives of Albania, Gabon, Ethiopia, Yemen, Bahrain, Georgia, Togo, Benin, Ukraine, the Congo, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Uzbekistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Jordan and Andorra, as well as the observer of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

In the exercise of the right of reply, statements were made by the representatives of Armenia, Japan, Finland (in its capacity as the presidency of the European Union), the Republic of Korea and New Zealand.

The Committee concluded its general debate on all disarmament and related international security agenda items.

8th meeting

Thematic discussion on item subjects as well as the introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under all disarmament and international security agenda items (82 to 97)

The Committee began its second stage of work, namely the "Thematic discussion on item subjects as well as the introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under items 82 to 97."

The Executive Secretary of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (Preparatory Commission for CTBTO) made a statement.

The Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs made a statement.

The Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament made a statement.

The Director-General of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) made a statement.

In the exercise of right of reply, a statement was made by the representative of the Russian Federation.

Second Committee

7th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [51]

(b) International financial system and development

(c) External debt crisis and development

(d) Commodities

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-items and heard introductory statements by the Chief, Policy Analysis and Development Branch, Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA); the Chief, Debt and Development Finance Branch, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD); and the Chief, Commodities Branch, Division on Trade in Goods and Services and Commodities, UNCTAD.

"Question time"

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 58/316, the Committee held a "question time", during which questions were posed and comments were made by the delegations of Nigeria, Australia and Chile, to which the representatives of DESA and UNCTAD responded.

A statement was made by the Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States.

8th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of the sub-items (b), (c) and (d) of agenda item 51.

General discussion

The Committee began its general discussion of the sub-items and heard statements by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; and the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia, as well as Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova), Indonesia (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)), Guyana (on behalf of the Rio Group), Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), the Russian Federation, Morocco, Algeria, Singapore, Nigeria, China, Bangladesh, India, Mongolia, Kenya, Zambia, the Sudan, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines and the United States.

Organization of work

The Committee approved several revisions to the programme of work, as proposed by the Chairperson.

A statement was made by the Secretary.

Third Committee

8th meeting

Advancement of Women [61]

(a) Advancement of women

(b) Implementation of the outcome of the fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and the Assistant Secretary General and Special Adviser on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women.

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and the Assistant Secretary General and Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women responded to comments and points raised by the representatives of Finland, the Sudan, Cuba, the Syrian Arab Republic and Côte d'Ivoire and by the observer for Palestine.

The Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the status of women in the United Nations system (A/61/318).

The Executive Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women introduced the report on the activities of UNIFEM (A/61/292).

The Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women and the Executive Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women responded to questions raised by the representatives of Canada, Turkey, the Sudan, Cuba and Gabon.

The Director of the Division for the Advancement of Women delivered a statement, on behalf of the Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.

The Committee then began its general discussion of the sub-items and heard statements by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union and the associated countries), Malawi (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community) and Egypt.

9th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of sub-items (a) and (b) of agenda item 61 and heard statements by the representatives of Pakistan, Guyana (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), the Sudan, Colombia, the Netherlands, Iraq, Liechtenstein, Norway, China, the United States, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Brazil (on behalf of MERCOSUR), the Russian Federation, Chile, Saudi Arabia, Mexico, Ukraine, the Niger and France.

Right of reply

The representatives of Japan and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made statements in the exercise of their right of reply.

Fifth Committee

2nd meeting

Scale of assessment for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [122]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Committee on Contributions, Mr. Bernardo Greiver, introduced the report of that Committee (A/61/11).

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/61/68).

The Committee also had before it a letter dated 5 October 2006 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/61/3).

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania, the candidate countries Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia; the EFTA country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine, which aligned themselves with the statement), South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Australia (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia), China, India, Saudi Arabia, Sao Tome and Principe, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Egypt, Nigeria, Malaysia, Pakistan, Mexico, Jordan, Jamaica, Nepal and Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group).

Peacebuilding Commission

Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission

Second session

1st meeting

The summary of the 1st meeting of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2006/196).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 18 December 1979

Objection to the reservations made by Oman upon accession: Denmark (6 October 2006)[1]

Objection to the reservations made by Brunei Darussalam upon accession: Denmark (6 October 2006)[1]

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Accession: Central African Republic (6 October 2006)[1]

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Accession: Central African Republic (6 October 2006)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 31 May 2001

Accession: Central African Republic (6 October 2006)[1]

Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court. New York, 9 September 2002

Accession: Central African Republic (6 October 2006)[1]

United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Ratification: Central African Republic (6 October 2006)[1]

Treaty event

Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network Jakarta, 12 April 2006

Opening for signature

The above Agreement was adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its sixty-second session by resolution number 62/4 on the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network, held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 12 April 2006.

It shall be open for signature by States, which are members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, at Busan, Republic of Korea, on 10 and 11 November 2006, during the Ministerial Conference on Transport, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 16 November 2006 to 31 December 2008.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Chinese, English and Russian texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as feasible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Agreement could notify and, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *October 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Gambia
H.E. Mr. Crispin Grey-Johnson

Asian States:
Japan
H.E. Mr. Kenzo Oshima

Eastern European States:
Bosnia and Herzegovina
H.E. Mr. Miloš Prica

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Ecuador
H.E. Mr. Diego Cordovez

Western European and other States:
Liechtenstein
H.E. Mr. Christian Wenaweser

Publications issued by the United Nations

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Monday, 9 October 2006.

Symbol	*Main title*
General Assembly	**Official Records**
	Sixty-first session
A/61/5/Add.12/Corr.1	Financial report and audited financial statements for the biennium ended 31 December 2005 and Report of the Board of Auditors — Supplement No. 5L [A C E F R S]

A/61/27	Report of the Conference on Disarmament — 23 January-31 March, 15 May-30 June and 31 July-15 September 2006 — Supplement No. 27 [A C E F R S]
A/61/32	Report of the Committee on Conferences for 2006 — Supplement No. 32 [A C E F R S]
	Disarmament Commission
A/CN.10/PV.270	Meeting held on 10 April 2006, 3 p.m. [A C E F R S]
	Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples
A/AC.109/2006/SR.3	Meeting held on 27 April 2006, 3 p.m. [A C E F R S]
A/AC.109/2006/SR.7	Meeting held on 9 June 2006, 10 a.m. [A C E F R S]
A/AC.109/2006/SR.10	Meeting held on 13 June 2006, 10 a.m. [A C E F R S]

General Assembly	**Documents**
	Sixtieth session
A/60/1004	Items 46 and 120 — Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields — Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit — Comments of the Joint Inspection Unit on the report of the Steering Committee on the Comprehensive Review of Governance and Oversight within the United Nations and its Funds, Programmes and Specialized Agencies [A C E F R S]
	Sixty-first session
A/61/15 (Part II)	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its thirty-ninth executive session [A C E F R S]
A/61/61/Add.1	Item 116 and 127 — Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations — Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/159/Add.1/Corr.1	Item 90 (aa) — General and complete disarmament: transparency in armaments — United Nations Register of Conventional Arms — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/169/Add.1	Item 90 (f) — General and complete disarmament — Disarmament and non-proliferation education — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/233	Request for the inclusion of an additional item in the agenda of the sixty-first session — Commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the trans-Atlantic slave trade — Letter dated 29 September 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Saint Lucia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/61/299	Item 62 (a) of the provisional agenda — Promotion and protection of the rights of children — Rights of the child — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/312	Item 66 (b) of the provisional agenda — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — Human rights defenders — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/61/324 Item 66 (b) of the provisional agenda — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — Human rights of migrants — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/61/335 Item 64 (a) of the provisional agenda — Elimination of racism and racial discrimination — Combating racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/61/337 Item 64 (b) of the provisional agenda — Elimination of racism and racial discrimination: comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action — Global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/61/347 Item 29 of the provisional agenda — United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East — Report of the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [A C E F R S]

A/61/377 Item 117 — Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Renovation to the residence of the Secretary-General: revised estimates to the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/61/385 Item 67 (a) — Promotion and protection of human rights: implementation of human rights instruments — Effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/61/478 Item 117 — Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Information and communication technology security, business continuity and disaster recovery — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]

A/61/480 Item 117 — Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Contingent liability reserve for the United Nations Postal Administration — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]

A/61/491–S/2006/794 Items 11, 27, 44 and 90 (n) — Prevention of armed conflict — Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development — Culture of peace — General and complete disarmament: confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context — Letter dated 29 September 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/61/493–S/2006/786 Item 13 — The situation in the Middle East — Identical letters dated 3 October 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

A/61/496 Item 104 — Appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations — Letter dated 5 October 2006 from the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]

A/61/497	Item 104 — Appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations — Letter dated 6 October 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/RES/61/1	Item 56 (a) — Declaration of the high-level meeting of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly on the midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001 2010 [A C E F R S]
	Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)
A/C.4/61/L.5	Item 39 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — 24-Power draft resolution — Question of Western Sahara [A C E F R S]
A/C.4/61/L.6	Item 39 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Draft decision submitted by the Chairman — Question of Gibraltar [A C E F R S]

Security Council	**Documents**
S/2006/445	Letter dated 28 June 2006 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2006/726	Letter dated 31 August 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2006/770	Report of the Secretary-General on women, peace and security [A C E F R S]
A/61/493–S/2006/786	Identical letters dated 3 October 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2006/790	Letter dated 2 October 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2006/791	Letter dated 5 October 2006 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
S/2006/792	One-power draft resolution [A C E F R S]
A/61/491–S/2006/794	Letter dated 29 September 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
S/PRST/2006/41	Statement by the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/5544	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/5545	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/5546	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/RES/1714 (2006)	Adopted by the Security Council at its 5545th meeting [A C E F R S]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Official Records

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
Thirty-fifth session

CEDAW/C/SR.735 Meeting held on 26 May 2006, 10 a.m. [A C E F R S]

CEDAW/C/SR.737 Meeting held on 2 June 2006, 4 p.m. [A C E F R S]

Communications to the Editor

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Informal Working Group on Mandate Review

3 p.m. — Closed meeting — Conference Room 2

Main Committees

First Committee

3–6 p.m. — 11th meeting — Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects, as well as introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items (items 82 to 97): *item 82* (A/61/133 and A/61/133/Add.1); *item 83* (A/61/183 and A/61/190); *item 84*; *item 85* (A/61/161); *item 86*; *item 87* (A/61/140 (Part I) and A/C.1/61/L.1); *item 88*; *item 89*; *item 90* (A/61/98, A/61/112, A/61/113, A/61/114, A/61/116, A/61/118, A/61/118/Add.1, A/61/124, A/61/127, A/61/159, A/61/159/Corr.1, A/61/159/Add.1, A/61/159/Add.1/Corr.1, A/61/164, A/61/168, A/C.1/61/L.3, A/C.1/61/L.4, A/C.1/61/L.5, A/C.1/61/L.6, A/C.1/61/L.7, A/61/169, A/61/169/Add.1, A/61/171, A/61/171/Add.1, A/61/261, A/61/288, A/61/293 and A/61/344-S/2006/741); *item 91* (A/61/130, A/61/130/Corr.1, A/61/137, A/61/157, A/61/163, A/61/215 and A/61/365); *item 92* (A/61/180, A/61/297 and A/C.1/61/L.11); *item 93* (A/61/160 (Part II) and A/C.1/61/L.2); *item 94*; *item 95* (A/61/123); *item 96* (A/61/134 and A/61/184); and *item 97*

[Other documents: A/C.1/61/1, A/C.1/61/2 and A/C.1/61/INF/1]

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10 a.m. — 7th meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Agenda items 35, 36, 37, 38 and 39

Action on draft resolutions and a draft decision relating to agenda items on decolonization (agenda items 35, 36, 37, 38 and 39)

(continued overleaf)

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(a) Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations [35]

Draft resolution I (A/61/23, chapter XII)

(b) Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories [36]

Draft resolution II (A/61/23, chapter XII)

(c) Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations [37]

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(d) Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories [38]

Draft resolution (A/C.4/61/L.4)

(e) Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [39]

(i) Question of Western Sahara

Draft resolution (A/C.4/61/L.5)

(ii) Question of Gibraltar

Draft decision (A/C.4/61/L.6)

(iii) Question of New Caledonia

Draft resolution IV (A/61/23, chapter XII)

(iv) Question of Tokelau

Draft resolution V (A/61/23, chapter XII)

(v) Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, Saint Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands

Draft resolution VI (A/61/23, chapter XII)

(vi) Dissemination of information on decolonization

Draft resolution VII (A/61/23, chapter XII)

(vii) Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Draft resolution VIII (A/61/23, chapter XII)

2. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space (A/61/20) [30]

Interactive dialogue

General debate

Working Group of the Whole on International Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

12.30[1] - 1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 1

[1] Or following the adjournment of the 7th meeting of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).

Second Committee

10 a.m. - 12 noon 11th meeting Conference Room 2

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [69]

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions (A/61/78-E/2006/61 and A/61/209)

(c) Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development (A/61/313)

Introductory statements followed by question time

General discussion

[*Note*: An informal presentation by the Vice-Chairperson of the Second Committee, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), on draft proposals under agenda item 51 (Macroeconomic policy questions), sub-items (c) and (d), will take place *today*, 11 October 2006, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 8.]

[*Note*: The list of speakers for all other items allocated to the Second Committee is open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (tel. 1 (212) 963-2184; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Ms. Vivian Pliner, Acting Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).]

Third Committee

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. 12th meeting Conference Room 4

Advancement of women (A/61/283 and A/61/303) [61]

(a) Advancement of women (A/61/38[1], A/61/122, A/61/122/Add.1, A/61/318 and A/61/292)

(b) Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third session of the General Assembly (A/61/174)

Conclusion of general discussion

[1] To be issued.

3–6 p.m. 13th meeting Conference Room 1

Promotion and protection of the rights of children (A/61/303) [63]

(a) Promotion and protection of the rights of children (A/61/41, A/61/41/Corr.1, A/61/41/Add.1[1], A/61/207, A/61/275 and A/61/299)

(b) Follow-up to the special session on children (A/61/270)

Launch of the Secretary-General's in-depth study on violence against children

Address by:

President of the General Assembly

Introductory remarks by:

Assistant Secretary-General and Political Director, Executive Office of the Secretary-General

Independent Expert of the Secretary-General's in-depth study on violence against children

Acting Director-General, World Health Organization

Executive Director, United Nations Children's Fund

Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights

Question time

General discussion

[*Note*: The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations are kindly requested to consult the draft programme of work of the Third Committee (A/C.3/61/L.1) prior to contacting the Secretariat with their request for inscription on the list (contact: Ms. Nancy Beteta (tel. 1 (212) 963-5722, fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Delegations that have not submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are reminded to convey such information to the Secretary of the Third Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950D, fax 1 (212) 963-5935).]

[*Note*: Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Third Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Danielle Maillard-Lejano (tel. 1 (917) 367-5865, fax 1 (212) 963-5935, e-mail Maillard-Lejano@un.org).]

[1] To be issued

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. 4th meeting Conference Room 3

1. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [122]

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.2

2. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/61/5 (Vol. I), A/61/5 (Vol. III), A/61/5 (Vol. IV), A/61/5/Add.1, A/61/5/Add.2, A/61/5/Add.3, A/61/5/Add.4, A/61/5/Add.5, A/61/5/Add.6, A/61/5/Add.7, A/61/5/Add.8, A/61/5/Add.9, A/61/5/Add.10, A/61/5/Add.11, A/61/5/Add.11/Corr.1, A/61/5/Add.12, A/61/61/5/Add.12/Corr.1, A/61/182, A/61/214, A/61/214/Add.1 and A/61/350) [115]

Introduction and general discussion

3. Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [127]

Annual report (A/61/214 (Part 1), A/61/214 (Part 1)/Add.1 and A/61/214 (Part 1)/Add.2)

Inspection of programme and administration management of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (A/61/61 and A/61/61/Add.1)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1] 1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 124 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/61/34 and A/60/659))

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 4th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

Sixth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 2nd meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-ninth session (A/61/17) [77]

Measures to eliminate international terrorism (A/61/37, A/61/210, A/61/210/Add.1, A/61/178 and A/61/280) [100]

[*Note*: The list of speakers for agenda items: 79 (Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-ninth session), 100 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism), and 128 (Administration of Justice at the United Nations) is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marissa Amores (tel. 1 (212) 963-5332; fax 1 (212) 963-1963)). Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (room S-3460; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).]

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

World Food Programme

Economic and Social Council

2006 resumed substantive session

12 noon	44th meeting	Conference Room 2
	Coordination, programme and other questions: reports of coordination bodies (A/61/16) [7 (a)]	
	Introduction and general discussion	
Afternoon[1]–1 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2
	Briefing on outstanding matters before the Council	

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 44th meeting of the Council.

Informal consultations convened by delegations

Wednesday, 11 October 2006

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on improving coordination of efforts against slavery and trafficking in persons, under agenda item 98 (Third Committtee) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the United Nations Literacy Decade, under agenda item 60 (e) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mongolia)

10–11 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C-209B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization, under agenda item 108 (d) (convened by the delegation of the Russian Federation)

10–11 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Meeting of potential co-sponsors on the final text of the draft resolution on the arms trade treaty (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of the United Kingdom)

11 a.m.–12 noon Closed meeting Conference Room A

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing, under agenda item 60 (d) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of South Africa, on behalf of the Group of 77)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Open-ended consultations on the draft decision verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification, under agenda item 84 (convened by the delegation of Canada)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity, under agenda item 98 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

3.30–5 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 11 October 2006

OIC Group (Sixth Committee experts)

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

2006 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship Programme

9 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E

2–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E

JUSCANZ Group (Second Committee)

9.15–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on commodities)

10–11 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on trade and development)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Group of 77 (joint meeting of the Group of 77 and the Non-Aligned Movement on mandate review)

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on international migration and development)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on the outcome of the World Summit on Social Development)

4.30–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Arab Group

12 noon–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Disarmament (informal consultations)

12 noon–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Asian Group

3–4 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Informal briefing by the Chairman of the Peacebuilding Commission, with members of the Commission and non-governmental organizations, to discuss peacebuilding priorities in Burundi and Sierra Leone

3.30–6 p.m. Closed meeting *Conference Room 6*

Other activities

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Wednesday, 11 October 2006

Meeting on "Furthering access to solar energy systems for the two billion people without electricity" (organized by the Non-Governmental Organizations Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room D.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Roma Stibravy, NGO Committee on Sustainable Development (tel. 1 (212) 703-5069; e-mail unngocsd@gmail.com).]

Seminar on "Implementing the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty" (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

[All are invited to attend.]

Tenth Rafael M. Salas Memorial Lecture on "The greatest challenge in the twenty-first century: Gender equality in development" (organized by the United Nations Population Fund)

From 4.30 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend.]

Announcements

Launch of the Peacebuilding Fund

The Secretary-General of the United Nations will launch the Peacebuilding Fund *today*, 11 October 2006, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All delegations are invited to attend. For additional information, please contact Mr. Dominik Bartsch, Peacebuilding Support Office (tel. 1 (917) 367-9522).

Dialogue

There will be a dialogue with Paul Collier, Professor of Economics, Oxford University and Director, Centre for the Study of African Economies, Oxford University, organized by the Peacebuilding Support Office, *today*, 11 October 2006, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, following the conclusion of the launch of the Peacebuilding Fund. Members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission and other interested delegations are invited to attend.

Secretary-General's Lecture Series

The next lecture in the Secretary-General's Lecture Series will be held *today*, 11 October 2006, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in the Dag Hammarsjöld Library Auditorium. Mr. Stephen Schlesinger, Director of the World Policy Institute at the New School University, will speak on the topic "Act of creation: The founding of the United Nations". The Secretary-General hosts this lecture series on topics at the forefront of the humanities and natural sciences, as part of a continuing effort to create a strengthened framework for dialogue and mutual understanding within the United Nations community. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Strategic Planning Unit, Executive Office of the Secretary-General (tel. 1 (917) 367-3556).

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>

Wednesday, 11 October 2006

Room S-226

11 a.m.	H.E. Mr. Gabor Brodi, Permanent Representative of Hungary, and H.E. Mr. Gabor Horvath, Consul-General of Hungary in New York (to announce the commemorative events in New York marking the fiftieth anniversary of the Freedom Fight and Revolution in Hungary)
Guest at 12 noon	Ms. Carolyn McAskie, Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support (on the Peacebuilding Fund)

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 12 October 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

10 a.m. 28th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

2001-2010: Decade to roll back malaria in developing countries, particularly in Africa [48]: note by the Secretary-General (A/61/218 and A/61/218/Corr.1); New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support; causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa [62 (a) and (b)]: reports of the Secretary-General (A/61/212 and A/61/213); note by the Secretary-General (A/61/69 and A/61/69/Add.1): *joint debate*

Informal consultations of the plenary on the draft resolution on the follow-up to the World Summit Outcome on Economic and Social Council reform[1]

3 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

[1] Convened by the Co-Chairs, H.E. Mr. Johan C. Verbeke (Belgium) and H.E. Mr. Cheick Sidi Diarra (Mali).

Main Committees

Second Committee

Briefing

There will be a briefing, under the auspices of the Second Committee, on the outcome of the 2006 Annual Meetings of the Bretton Woods institutions on Thursday, 12 October 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Presentations will be made by Mr. Masood Ahmed, Director, External Relations, International Monetary Fund, and Mr. Kevin Kellems, Acting Vice-President, External Affairs, Communications and United Nations Affairs, World Bank.

The event, organized by the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be presided over by H.E. Mrs. Tiina Intelmann (Estonia), Chairperson of the Second Committee, and moderated by Mr. Jomo Kwame Sundaram, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 5th meeting on Thursday, 12 October 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 5th meeting and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Economic and Social Council

Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
Second session

The second session of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters will take place from Monday, 30 October, to Friday, 3 November 2006, in Conference Room XX, at the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

Delegations are kindly requested to submit the names of observers to the Financing for Development Office, DESA (fax 1 (212) 963-0443; e-mail ffdoffice@un.org). For further information, please contact Mr. Masa Ohyama, Financing for Development Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-4695; e-mail ohyama@un.org).

Forthcoming informal consultations convened by delegations

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty, under agenda item 96 (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Australia)

Thursday, 12 October, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on trafficking in women and girls, under agenda item 61 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Thursday, 12 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction under agenda item 90 (x) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Australia)

Thursday, 12 October 2006, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the in-depth study on violence against women, under agenda item 61 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of France and the Netherlands)

Thursday, 12 October 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Monday, 16 October 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures, under agenda item 90 (e) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Thursday, 12 October 2006, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing, under agenda item 60 (d) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of South Africa, on behalf of the Group of 77)

Thursday, 12 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 13 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects, under agenda item 90 (y) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of South Africa, in collaboration with the delegations of Colombia and Japan)

Thursday, 12 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 60 (a) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of South Africa, on behalf of the Group of 77)

Thursday, 12 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B;.

Friday, 13 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Tuesday, 17 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Wednesday, 18 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on international cooperation against the drug problem, under agenda item 98 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Thursday, 12 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on improving coordination of efforts against slavery and trafficking in persons, under agenda item 98 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

Friday, 13 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Tuesday, 17 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal meeting on the draft resolution on conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus, under agenda item 90 (s) (First Committee) (convened by the delegations of France and Germany)

Friday, 13 October 2006, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia, under agenda item 90 (bb) (First Committee) (convened by the delegations of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan)

Friday, 13 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the integration of countries with economies in transition into the world economy (Second Committee) (convened by the delegation of Azerbaijan)

Monday, 16 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6;

Wednesday, 18 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Friday, 20 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level)

Thursday, 12 October 2006, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

Friends of the International Criminal Court: Briefing by the Chief Prosecutor of the Court

Tuesday, 17 October 2006, from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in the Penthouse of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library.

Asian Group (monthly meeting)

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

UNITAR/OLA Seminars on Deposit of Treaty Actions with the Secretary-General and the Registration of Treaties

French Seminar

Tuesday, 7 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.45 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

English Seminar

Wednesday, 8 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and *Thursday, 9 November 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Catharina Goldschmidt (tel. 1 (212) 963-9684; e-mail goldschmidt@un.org).]

Other forthcoming activities

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Briefing on "Empowering the poor to end poverty in LDCs" (organized by UN-OHRLLS and the Commission on Legal Empowerment of the Poor)

Thursday, 12 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Fred Kirungi (tel. 1 (917) 367-3431; e-mail kirungi@un.org).]

Panel discussion on "Institutional challenges to the implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development" (organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa)

Thursday, 12 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Ejeviome Otobo, Policy Analysis Unit, OSAA (tel. 1 (212) 962-5006); or Ms. Rekia Soumana, OSAA (tel. 1 (212) 963-9247; e-mail soumana@un.org).]

Panel discussion to commemorate World Mental Health Day 2006 on "Global perspectives on suicide and mental health" (organized by the NGO Committee on Mental Health, in cooperation with the World Health Organization)

Thursday, 12 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please e-mail to mentalhealthngo@earthlink.net; or call 1 (917) 842-4733).]

Presentation on "Hostage at the table — How leaders can overcome conflict, influence others and raise performance" (organized by the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Thursday, 12 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-7478).]

Panel discussion on "Challenges of world population in the twenty-first century: Changing age structure of population and its consequences for development" (organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Thursday, 12 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Victor Gaigbe-Togbe, Population Division, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-9900; e-mail gaigbe-togbe@un.org).]

Briefing on preparations for the United Nations Conference on Anti-corruption Measures, Good Governance and Human Rights (8-9 November 2006, Warsaw, Poland) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Poland, in cooperation with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR))

Friday, 13 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room D.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Kate Birmingham, OHCHR (tel. 1 (917) 367-3262).]

Fifth seminar in the "Unlearning intolerance" Seminar Series of the Department of Public Information, entitled "Cartooning for peace"

Monday, 16 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Rene Tanoy (tel. 1 (917) 367-9326; or e-mail tanoy@un.org).]

Dialogue on "Towards implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples" (co-sponsored by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Division for Social Policy and Development, DESA, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Permanent Mission of Mexico)

Monday, 16 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please consult the following Web site: <www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii>.]

Panel Discussion on "An emerging form of exploitation of women: Harvesting and trafficking of human eggs" (sponsored by the United States Mission)

Monday, 16 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Peggy Kerry, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4054; e-mail kerryp@state.gov).]

Panel discussion on "Kids, guns and gangs" (organized by the Permanent Missions of Canada and Slovenia)

Monday, 16 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

[All are invited to attend.]

Launching of the report "Mairin Iwanka Raya, Indigenous Women Stand against Violence" (co-sponsored by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Division for Social Policy and Development, DESA, the International Indigenous Women's Forum (HWF/FIMI) and MADRE, an international women's human rights organization)

Tuesday, 17 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please consult the following Web site: <www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii>.]

Observance of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (organized by by the Department of Economic Affairs and the International Movement ATD Fourth World)

Tuesday, 17 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the United Nations Garden.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, contact Mr. Donald Lee (tel. 1 (212) 963-8762; e-mail lee27@un.org.); or visit the following Web site: <www.un.org/esa/socdev/poverty/poverty_link3.htm>.]

Special ceremony in observance of World Food Day 2006 on the theme "Investing in agriculture for food security" (organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations)

Wednesday, 18 October 2006, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend.]

Announcements

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered. The second round of language-specific informational meetings for this year will be held in October and November, according to the following schedule:

Monday, 30 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Arabic*
Tuesday, 31 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Chinese*
Wednesday, 1 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *English*
Thursday, 2 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *French*
Friday, 3 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*
Friday, 3 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*

All meetings will take place in Conference Room 8.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Wednesday, 4 October 2006, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

UNITAR Fellowship Programme at Columbia University Law School and UNITAR Visitors Programme at New York University School of Law, for diplomats accredited o the United Nations

The deadline for registration is Monday, 23 October 2006. For further information, pleas contact the UNITAR office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 963-9196; e-mail goldschmidt@un.org; or info@unitarny.org).

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 9 October 2006

Peacebuilding Commission

Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission

Second session

1st meeting

The Chairman, H.E. Mr. Ismael Abraão Gaspar Martins (Angola), declared opened the second session.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters . . . . . [1]

The Committee had before it the provisional agenda, as contained in document PBC/2/OC/1.

Statements were made by the representatives of Germany, Egypt, India, Jamaica, the United Kingdom, the Russian Federation, Brazil, Guinea-Bissau and Nigeria.

The Chairman, the Assistant Secretary-General, Peacebuilding Support Office, and the Secretary of the Commission responded to concerns raised.

The Committee adopted the provisional agenda, as orally revised.

Appointment of a chairperson of the Sierra Leone country-specific configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of El Salvador made a statement.

The Committee decided that the Sierra Leone country-specific configuration of the Commission would be chaired by the Chairman of the Commission unless the Committee decided otherwise.

Request received from Sweden and the Organization of the Islamic Conference

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan, Jamaica, India, Guinea-Bissau, Angola and the United States.

The Committee decided to invite Sweden and the Organization of the Islamic Conference to membership in the Sierra Leone country-specific configuration of the Commission.

Requests received from the European Community and the Organization of the Islamic Conference

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan, Egypt, Italy, Guinea-Bissau, the United Kingdom, Germany, Belgium, Jamaica, Brazil and France.

The Committee decided to defer its consideration of the requests of the European Community and the Organization of the Islamic Conference to participate in all meetings of the Peacebuilding Commission, in accordance with paragraphs 9 of General Assembly resolution 60/180 and Security Council resolution 1645 (2005).

Consultations with civil society organizations

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan, India, Egypt, the United States, China, the Netherlands, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, Burundi, Guinea-Bissau, Norway, France, El Salvador and Jamaica.

Without prejudice to arrangements to be established by the Committee with respect to consultations with civil society, the Committee decided to extend invitations to Ms. Emma Kamara, a representative of the civil society of Sierra Leone, and Mr. Emmanuel Nshimirimana, a representative of the civil society of Burundi, to participat in the meetings of the Commission relating to Sierra Leone and Burundi, on 12 Octobe and 13 October, respectively, subject to concurrence of the Governments of Sierra Leone and Burundi.

Tuesday, 10 October 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Main Committees

First Committee

9th meeting

Thematic discussion on item subjects, as well as the introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under all disarmament and international security agend items (82 to 97)

The Committee continued its second stage of work, namely the "Thematic discussion item subjects, as well as the introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under items 82 to 97."

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Bangladesh, China, Morocco, Norway, Japan, Switzerland, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Korea, Israel, Canada, the United States, Australia, Brazil (on behalf of the MERCOSUR), Pakistan, Italy and Mexico.

10th meeting

The Committee continued its second stage of work, namely the "Thematic discussion item subjects, as well as the introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under items 82 to 97."

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Belarus, Indonesia, India, the United States, the Netherlands and Brazil.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Malaysia (who introduced the dra resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice on the Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons"), Brazil (who introduced the draft resolutions entitled "Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere ar adjacent areas" and "2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons"), Australia (who introduced the draft resolutions entitled "Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling Production and Transfer of Anti-personal Mines and on Their Destruction" and "Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty") and India (who introduced the draft resolutions entitled "Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons" and "Reducing nuclear danger").

In the exercise of right of reply, a statement was made by the representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Second Committee

9th meeting

Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development [52]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Director, Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Question time

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 58/316, the Committee held a question time, during which the representative of Mexico posed a question, to which the Director responded.

A statement was also made by the Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States.

General discussion

The Committee began its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Guyana (on behalf of the Rio Group), Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), the United States, the Russian Federation, India, Indonesia, Cuba, Bangladesh, China, Pakistan, Malaysia, Switzerland and Norway.

A statement was also made by the observer for the Holy See.

10th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 52 and heard statements by the representatives of Fiji, Iraq, Jamaica, Ukraine (also on behalf of Georgia, Azerbaijan and Moldova), Nepal, Zimbabwe, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Qatar, Azerbaijan and Uganda.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the item.

Organization of work

The presiding Vice-Chairman (Senegal) made a statement.

Third Committee

10th meeting

Advancement of women [61]

(a) Advancement of women

(b) Implementation of the outcome of the fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly

The Committee continued its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of India, Cuba, Azerbaijan, the Republic of Korea, Iceland, Senegal, the Syrian Arab Republic, San Marino, Singapore, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Canada (also on behalf of Australia and New Zealand), Kuwait, Japan, the Philippines, Jamaica, Yemen, Morocco, Zambia and Turkey.

A statement was made by the representative of the International Organization for Migration.

Statements were also made by the representative of the United Nations Internation Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and the represent of the United Nations Population Fund.

11th meeting

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and t twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.5

The Secretary of the Committee made a correction to the text of the draft resolutio

The representative of South Africa introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and orally corrected the text.

Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on A [60 (d)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.6

The representative of South Africa introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China. The Russian Federation joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Crime prevention and criminal justice

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.7

The representative of Belarus introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the spo listed and Uzbekistan. Ecuador joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.9

The representative of Italy introduced the draft resolution. Benin, Colombia, Dom Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Morocco, Nigeria and Panama joined in sponsorin draft resolution.

International drug control

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.8

The representative of Mexico introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the spo listed. Ghana, Nigeria and Morocco joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of the Sudan.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Advancement of women

(a) Advancement of women

(b) Implementation of the outcome of the fourth World Conference on Women a the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly

The Committee continued its general discussion of the item and heard statements representatives of Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Lao People's Dem Republic, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Ethiopia, Thailand, Guatemala, Kazakhstan, Viet Nam, the United Arab Emirates, Kenya, Fiji, Qatar, Croatia, the Dominican Republic, Myanmar and Malawi, and the observer for Palestine.

Right of reply

The representative of Israel and the observer for Palestine made statements in the exercise of the right of reply.

Fifth Committee

3rd meeting

Scale of assessment for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [122]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Japan, Guyana (on behalf of the Rio Group), Ukraine (on behalf of Georgia, Azerbaijan, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine), the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Ghana, Gabon, the Niger, Kenya, Kuwait, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Angola, Ecuador, Belarus, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Chairman of the Committee on Contributions made a concluding statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would begin on that day, Tuesday, 10 October, in the afternoon under the chairmanship of Mr. Morteza Mirmohammad (Islamic Republic of Iran).

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [131]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chief of the Contributions Section introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/61/139 and A/61/139/Corr.1).

In the absence of speakers the Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would begin on that day, Tuesday, 10 October, in the afternoon under the chairmanship of Mr. Morteza Mirmohammad (Islamic Republic of Iran).

Joint Inspection Unit [124]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairperson of the Joint inspection Unit, Ms. Deborah Wynes, introduced the report of that Unit (A/61/34).

The Director of the World Intellectual Property Organization made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia; and the EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova, which aligned themselves with the statement), South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the United States and Algeria.

The Chairperson of the Joint Inspection Unit replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item wo
begin on Wednesday, 11 October, following the adjournment of the formal meeting
Conference Room 5, under the chairmanship of Mr. Andriy Nikitov (Ukraine).

Organization of work

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Sixth Committee

1st meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

Organization of work

The Committee adopted its programme of work as contained in document A/C.6/6

The Legal Counsel made a statement.

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work thirty-ninth session

The Committee started its consideration of agenda item 77.

The Chairman of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law introduced the report of UNCITRAL on its thirty-ninth session.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria, India, Colombia, Algeria, Thailand, Mexico, Singapore, the United States, Belarus, France, Nepal, Australia, Morocco, the United Kingdom, Ukraine and Sri Lanka.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. New York, 9 May 199

Accession: Timor-Leste (10 October 2006)[1]

Convention on biological diversity. Rio de Janeiro, 5 June 1992

Accession: Timor-Leste (10 October 2006)[1]

United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Ratification: Burkina Faso (10 October 2006)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Treaty event

Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network
Jakarta, 12 April 2006

Opening for signature

The above Agreement was adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its sixty-second session by resolution number 62/4 on the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network, held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 12 April 2006.

It shall be open for signature by States, which are members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, at Busan, Republic of Korea, on 10 and 11 November 2006, during the Ministerial Conference on Transport, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 16 November 2006 to 31 December 2008.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Chinese, English and Russian texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as feasible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Agreement could notify and, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *October 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Gambia
H.E. Mr. Crispin Grey-Johnson

Asian States:
Japan
H.E. Mr. Kenzo Oshima

Eastern European States:
Bosnia and Herzegovina
H.E. Mr. Miloš Prica

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Ecuador
H.E. Mr. Diego Cordovez

Western European and other States:
Liechtenstein
H.E. Mr. Christian Wenaweser

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 10 October 2006.

Symbol	*Main title*
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	Sixty-first session
A/61/5/Add.11/Corr.1	Financial report and audited financial statements for the biennium ended 31 December 2005 and Report of the Board of Auditors — International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 — Supplement No. 5K [A C E F R S]
A/61/5/Add.12/Corr.1*	Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]
	Disarmament Commission
A/CN.10/PV.266 (Resumption 4)	Meeting held on 21 July 2005, 3 p.m. [F]
A/CN.10/PV.266 (Resumption 5)	Meeting held on 22 July 2005, 3 p.m. [F]
A/CN.10/PV.273	Meeting held on 13 April 2006, 10 a.m. [F]

General Assembly	Documents
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A/61/85/Add.1–E/2006/81/Add.1	Item 69 (a) — Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations — Central Emergency Response Fund — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/216/Corr.1	Item 34 — Questions relating to information — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/311	Item 66 (b) of the provisional agenda — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/340	Item 66 (b) of the provisional agenda — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/342	Item 126 of the provisional agenda — Administration of justice at the United Nations — Administration of justice in the Secretariat: implementation of resolution 59/283 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/348	Item 67 (b) — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches to improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — United Nations Human Rights Training and Documentation Centre for South-West Asia and the Arab Region — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/381	Items 117 and 125 — Programme budget for the biennium 2006–2007 — United Nations common system — Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the reports of the International Civil Service Commission for 2005 and 2006 — Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/61/486	Items 13, 14, 18, 42, 51, 52, 55, 56, 112, 113 and 149 — The situation in the Middle East — Question of Palestine — Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba — Report of the Economic and Social Council — Macroeconomic policy questions — Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development — Globalization and interdependence — Groups of countries in special situations — Strengthening of the United Nations system — Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit — United Nations reform: measures and proposals — Letter dated 28 September 2006 from the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/488	Item 8 — General debate — Letter dated 29 September 2006 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]

A/61/498	Items 42 and 117 — Report of the Economic and Social Council — Programme bu for the biennium 2006-2007 — Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its resumed organization and first substantive sessions of 2006 — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
A/61/501	Item 104 — Appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations — Letter dated 9 October 2006 from the President of the Security Council to the President o General Assembly [A C E F R S]
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A/C.1/61/L.5	Item 90 (c) — General and complete disarmament — One-Power draft resolution Measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol [A C E F R S]
A/C.1/61/L.6	Item 90 (i) — General and complete disarmament — One-Power draft resolution Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation [A C R S]
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A/C.3/61/L.8	Item 99 — International drug control — 7-Power draft resolution — International cooperation against the world drug problem [A C E F R S]
A/C.3/61/L.9	Item 98 — Crime prevention and criminal justice — One-Power draft resolution — Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programm particular its technical cooperation capacity [A C E F R S]
	Fifth Committee
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S/2006/10/Add.36	Summary statement by the Secretary-General on matters of which the Security Cou is seized and on the stage reached in their consideration [A C E F R S]
S/2006/777	Draft resolution [A C E F R S]
S/2006/789	Letter dated 3 October 2006 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to th United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

S/2006/795	Letter dated 2 October 2006 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1591 (2005) concerning the Sudan addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/5547	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/5548	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/RES/1715 (2006)	Adopted by the Security Council at its 5547th (closed) meeting [A C E F R S]

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A/61/85/Add.1–E/2006/81/Add.1
Item 5 — Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance — Central Emergency Response Fund — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

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Security Council

11 a.m.	Consultations of the whole (closed) Georgia Non-proliferation/Democratic People's Republic of Korea Other matters	Consultations Room

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

3 p.m.	171st meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

10 a.m.	28th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall
	1. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/512)	[122]

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General Assembly
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A plenary meeting will be held on Friday, 13 October 2006, at 3 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall, to consider agenda item 104 (Appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations). A letter from the President of the General Assembly has been sent by facsimile to all Permanent and Observer Missions on Wednesday, 11 October 2006.

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2. 2001-2010: Decade to roll back malaria in developing countries, particularly in Africa [48]: note by the Secretary-General (A/61/218 and A/61/218/Corr.1); New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support; causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa [62 (a) and (b)]: reports of the Secretary-General (A/61/212 and A/61/213); note by the Secretary-General (A/61/69 and A/61/69/Add.1). *joint debate*

Informal consultations of the plenary on the draft resolution on the follow-up to the World Summit Outcome on Economic and Social Council reform[1]

3 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room

[1] Convened by the Co-Chairs, H.E. Mr. Johan C. Verbeke (Belgium) and H.E. Mr. Cheick Sidi Diarra (Mali).

Main Committees

First Committee

3-6 p.m. 12th meeting Conference Room

Thematic discussion on item subjects, as well as introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items (items 82 to 97): *item 82* (A/61/133 and A/61/133/Add.1); *item 83* (A/61/183 and A/61/190); *item 84*; *item 85* (A/61/161); *item 86*; *item 87* (A/61/140 (Part I) and A/C.1/61/L.1); *item 88*; *item 89* (A/C.1/61/L.10); *item 90* (A/61/98, A/61/112, A/61/113, A/61/114, A/61/116, A/61/118, A/61/118/Add.1, A/61/124, A/61/127, A/61/127/Add.1, A/61/159, A/61/159/Corr.1, A/61/159/Add.1, A/61/159/Add.1/Corr.1, A/61/164, A/61/168, A/C.1/61/5, A/C.1/61/L.3, A/C.1/61/L.4, A/C.1/61/L.5, A/C.1/61/L.6, A/C.1/61/L.7, A/C.1/61/L.8, A/61/169, A/61/169/Add.1, A/61/171, A/61/171/Add.1, A/61/261, A/61/288, A/61/293 and A/61/344-S/2006/741); *item 91* (A/61/130, A/61/130/Corr.1, A/61/137, A/61/157, A/61/163, A/61/215, A/61/365 and A/C.1/61/L.9); *item 92* (A/61/180, A/61/297 and A/C.1/61/L.11); *item 9* (A/61/160 (Part II) and A/C.1/61/L.2); *item 94*; *item 95* (A/61/123); *item 96* (A/61/13 and A/61/184); and *item 97*

[Other documents: A/C.1/61/1, A/C.1/61/2, A/C.1/61/4 and A/C.1/61/INF/1]

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10 a.m. 8th meeting Conference Room

1. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [

Question of Western Sahara

Action on draft resolution A/C.4/61/L.5

2. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space (A/61/20) [

General debate

Working Group of the Whole on International Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

12.30-1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room

[1] Or following the adjournment of the 8th meeting of the Committee.

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 12th meeting Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions: International financial system and development [51 (b)]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.3

2. Macroeconomic policy questions: commodities [51 (d)]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.2

3. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development [69 (c)]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.4

4. Information and communication technologies for development (A/61/94, A/61/94/Add.1, A/61/165 and A/61/254) [50]

   Introduction and general discussion

[*Note*: There will be a briefing, under the auspices of the Second Committee, on the outcome of the 2006 Annual Meetings of the Bretton Woods institutions *today* from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Presentations will be made by Mr. Masood Ahmed, Director, External Relations, International Monetary Fund, and Mr. Kevin Kellems, Acting Vice-President, External Affairs, Communications and United Nations Affairs, World Bank. The event, organized by the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be presided over by H.E. Mrs. Tiina Intelmann (Estonia), Chairperson of the Second Committee, and moderated by Mr. Jomo Kwame Sundaram, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.]

[*Note*: The list of speakers for all other items allocated to the Second Committee is open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (tel. 1 (212) 963-2184; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Ms. Vivian Pliner, Acting Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).]

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 14th meeting Conference Room 4

Promotion and protection of the rights of children (A/61/303) [63]

(a) Promotion and protection of the rights of children (A/61/41, A/61/41/Corr.1, A/61/41/Add.1[1], A/61/207, A/61/275, A/61/275/Corr.1 and A/61/299)

(b) Follow-up to the special session on children (A/61/270)

Introductory remarks by:

Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict

Question time

Continuation of general discussion

3–6 p.m. **15th meeting** Conference Room

Promotion and protection of the rights of children (A/61/303) [63]

(a) Promotion and protection of the rights of children (A/61/41, A/61/41/Corr.1, A/61/41/Add.1[1], A/61/207, A/61/275, A/61/275/Corr.1 and A/61/299)

(b) Follow-up to the special session on children (A/61/270)

Introductory remarks by:

Chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of the Child

Question time

Continuation of general discussion

[*Note*: The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations are kindly requested to consult the draft programme of work of the Third Committee (A/C.3/61/L.1) prior to contacting the Secretariat with their request for inscription on the list (contact: Ms. Nancy Beteta (tel. 1 (212) 963-5722; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Delegations that have not submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are reminded to convey such information to the Secretary of the Third Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).]

[*Note*: Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Third Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Danielle Maillard-Lejano (tel. 1 (917) 367-5865; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail: Maillard-Lejano@un.org).]

[1] To be issued.

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. 5th meeting Conference Room 3

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi (A/60/612, A/61/309 and A/61/485) [133]

Introduction and general discussion

Morning–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 133 (Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi (A/60/612, A/61/309 and A/61/485))

3–4.30 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/61/11, A/61/11/Corr.1, A/61/68, A/60/140, A/60/140/Corr.1, A/58/189 and A/56/767)), and 131 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nation peacekeeping operations (A/61/139 and A/61/139/Corr.1))

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 5th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

4.30–6 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 124 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/61/34 and A/60/659))	

Sixth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	3rd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
	Measures to eliminate international terrorism (A/61/37, A/61/210, A/61/210/Add.1, A/61/178 and A/61/280)	[100]

[*Note*: The list of speakers for agenda items: 128 (Administration of Justice at the United Nations); 153 (Requests for Observer Status in the General Assembly); 79 (Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization) and 80 (The rule of law at the national and international levels) is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Marissa Amores (tel. 1 (212) 963-5332); fax 1(212) 963-1963). Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (room S-3460; fax 1 (212) 963-1963)).]

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
	United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (UNJSPF)	

Peacebuilding Commission
Second session

Sierra Leone configuration

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	1st meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber	
3–6 p.m.	2nd meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber	
	1.	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (PBC/2/SIL/1)	[1]
	2.	Peacebuilding in Sierra Leone (PBC/2/SIL/CRP.1)	[2]
	3.	Conclusions and recommendations of the Commission relating to Sierra Leone	[3]

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Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Ms. Katarzyna Kukier (Poland), under agenda item 51 (b) (International financial system and development)

From 5 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Informal consultations convened by delegations

Thursday, 12 October 2006

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty, under agenda item 96 (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Australia)

10–11 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on trafficking in women and girls, under agenda item 61 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction under agenda item 90 (x) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Australia)

11 a.m.–12 noon Closed meeting Conference Room A

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the in-depth study on violence against women, under agenda item 61 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of France and the Netherlands)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures, under agenda item 90 (c) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

12 noon–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing, under agenda item 60 (d) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of South Africa, on behalf of the Group of 77)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects, under agenda item 90 (y) (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of South Africa, in collaboration with the delegations of Colombia and Japan)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 60 (a) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of South Africa, on behalf of the Group of 77)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on international cooperation against the drug problem, under agenda item 98 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Other meetings

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Thursday, 12 October 2006

2006 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship Programme

9 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E

2–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on international migration and development)

10–11 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room

Group of 77 (on sustainable development; agenda items 53 and 54)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room

Joint Coordination Committee of the Group of 77 and the Non-Aligned Movement (at the ambassadorial level)

3–4 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chambe

Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level)

10.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Disarmament (informal consultations)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room

Eastern European Group (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.30–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room

Other activities

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Thursday, 12 October 2006

Briefing on "Empowering the poor to end poverty in LDCs" (organized by UN-OHRLLS and the Commission on Legal Empowerment of the Poor)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Fred Kirungi (tel. 1 (917) 367-3431; e-mail kirungi@un.org).]

Panel discussion on "Institutional challenges to the implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development" (organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Ejeviome Otobo, Policy Analysis Unit, OSAA (tel. 1 (212) 962-5006), or Ms. Rekia Soumana, OSAA (tel. 1 (212) 963-9247; e-mail soumanar@un.org).]

Panel discussion to commemorate World Mental Health Day 2006 on "Global perspectives on suicide and mental health" (organized by the NGO Committee on Mental Health, in cooperation with the World Health Organization)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please e-mail to mentalhealthngo@earthlink.net; or call 1 (917) 842-4733).]

Presentation on "Hostage at the table — How leaders can overcome conflict, influence others and raise performance" (organized by the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-7478).]

Panel discussion on "Challenges of world population in the twenty-first century: Changing age structure of population and its consequences for development" (organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

From 3 to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Victor Gaigbe-Togbe, Population Division, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-9900; e-mail gaigbe-togbe@un.org).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>

Thursday, 12 October 2006

Room S-226

9.30 a.m. Launch of the Secretary-General's in-depth study on violence against children, by Prof. Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro, Independent Expert appointed by the Secretary-General to lead the study; Ms. Ann Veneman, Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund; Ms. Mehr Kahn-Williams, Deputy United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; and Dr. Etienne Krug, Director for Injuries and Violence Prevention at the World Health Organization

11 a.m.	Prof. Paddy Hillyard, Queens University, Belfast; Prof. Gillian Robinson and Dr. Brandon Hamber, United Nations University International Conflict Research (UNU-INCORE); Ms. Monica McWilliams, Chief Commissioner for Human Rights in Northern Ireland; and Ms. Margaret Ward, Director of Women's Resource and Development Agency, Belfast (to launch the project "Re-imagining Women's Security in Post-conflict Societies")
Guest at 12 noon	Mr. Legwaila Joseph Legwaila, Special Adviser on Africa (on recent progress in implementing the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and in reducing conflict on the continent)
1.15 p.m.	Justice Richard Goldstone, Hauser Global Visiting Professor at New York University School of Law, former Justice of the South African Constitutional Court, and former Chief Prosecutor of the International Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda; H.E. Mr. Walther Lichem, former Austrian Ambassador to Chile and Canada; and Ms. Shulamith Koenig, Recipient of the 2004 United Nations Human Rights Award and Founder and Executive Director of the People's Movement for Human Rights Education (to launch *Human Rights Learning – A Peoples' Report*)

Forthcoming official meetings

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Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Ms. Sigrid Ana Oddsen (Norway), under agenda item 51 (d) (Commodities)

Friday, 13 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 6

Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), under agenda item 51 (d) (Commodities – International Year of Natural Fibres)

Friday, 13 October 2006, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6

Facilitator, Mr. Marcelo Suárez Salvia (Argentina), under agenda item 51 (c) (External debt crisis and development)

Friday, 13 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6

Facilitator, Ms. Usniyya Mammadova (Azerbaijan) under agenda item 55 (c) (Integration of countries with economies in transition into the world economy)

Monday, 16 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6;

Wednesday, 18 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Friday, 20 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Third Committee

Listed below is the tentative schedule for introductory statements by Special Rapporteurs, Special Representatives, Independent Experts and other special mechanisms who will be presenting reports to the Third Committee:

Monday, 16 October 2006 (morning) (agenda item 64):

Mr. Rodolfo Stavenhagen (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people)

Thursday, 19 October 2006 (agenda item 67):

10 a.m.

Mr. Paul Hunt (Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health); Mr. Ibrahim Salama (Chairperson-Rapporteur, Working Group on the right to development, Commission on Human Rights) – Oral report; Mr. Jorge A. Bustamante (Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants)

3 p.m.

Mr. John Dugard (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967)

Friday, 20 October 2006 (agenda item 67):

10 a.m.

Mr. Paolo Sérgio Pinheiro (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar); Mr. Vitit Muntarbhorn (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea); Ms. Sima Samar (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan)

3 p.m.

Mr. Titinga Frédéric Pacéré (Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); Mr. Akich Okola (Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Burundi)

Monday, 23 October 2006 (agenda item 67):

10 a.m.

Mr. Philip Alston (Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions); Ms. Hina Jilani (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights defenders); Mr. Manfred Nowak (Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment)

3 p.m.

Mr. Walter Kälin (Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons); Ms. Asma Jahangir (Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief); Mr. Leandro Despouy (Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers)

Wednesday, 25 October 2006 (agenda item 67):

10 a.m.

Mr. Martin Scheinin (Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism); Ms. Yakin Ertürk (Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and

consequences) – Oral report: Mr. Bernards Andrew Nyamwaya Mudho (Independent Expert on the effects of economic reform policies and foreign debt on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights)

3 p.m.

Mr. Jean Ziegler (Special Rapporteur on the right to food)

Monday, 6 November (agenda items 65 and 66)

10 a.m.

Mr. Doudou Diène (Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance); Ms. Amada Benavidez de Pérez (Chairperson of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination)

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Friday, 13 October 2006, at 10 a.m. and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
Informal briefing

The Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund will hold an informal briefing on "Ending child hunger and undernutrition initiative", which is on the agenda of the 2007 first regular session of the Board. The briefing will take place on Wednesday, 18 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

Second session

The second session of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters will take place from Monday, 30 October, to Friday, 3 November 2006, in Conference Room XX, at the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

Delegations are kindly requested to submit the names of observers to the Financing for Development Office, DESA (fax 1 (212) 963-0443; e-mail ffdoffice@un.org). For further information, please contact Mr. Masa Ohyama, Financing for Development Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-4695; e-mail ohyama@un.org).

Forthcoming informal consultations convened by delegations

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 60 (a) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of South Africa, on behalf of the Group of 77)

Friday, 13 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Tuesday, 17 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Wednesday, 18 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on improving coordination of efforts against slavery and trafficking in persons, under agenda item 98 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

Friday, 13 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Tuesday, 17 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Thursday, 19 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity, under agenda item 98 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

Friday, 13 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 9.

Informal meeting on the draft resolution on conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus, under agenda item 90 (s) (First Committee) (convened by the delegations of France and Germany)

Friday, 13 October 2006, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia, under agenda item 90 (bb) (First Committee) (convened by the delegations of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan)

Friday, 13 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing, under agenda item 60 (d) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of South Africa, on behalf of the Group of 77)

Friday, 13 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the effects of atomic radiation, under agenda item 29 (Fourth Committee) (convened by the delegation of Australia)

Monday, 16 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4; and

Tuesday, 17 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the in-depth study on violence against women, under agenda item 61 (Third Committee) (convened by the delegations of France and the Netherlands)

Monday, 16 October 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the integration of countries with economies in transition into the world economy (Second Committee) (convened by the delegation of Azerbaijan)

Monday, 16 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6;

Wednesday, 18 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Friday, 20 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the situation in Afghanistan, under agenda item 16 (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Monday, 16 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber;

Friday, 20 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber;

Wednesday, 25 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Tuesday, 31 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the prohibition of the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, under agenda item 90 (First Committee) (convened by the delegation of Canada)

Tuesday, 17 October 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Briefing on the outcome of the Seventh Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction by the President of the Meeting (Australia)

Friday, 13 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Friends of the International Criminal Court: Briefing by the Chief Prosecutor of the Court

Tuesday, 17 October 2006, from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in the Penthouse of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library.

UNITAR French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

Wednesday, 25 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9;

Thursday, 26 October 2006, from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[For more information, please contact Ms. Laura Fähndrich (tel. 1 (212) 963-9196; e-mail fachndrich@un.org).]

Asian Group (monthly meeting)

Friday, 27 October 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

UNITAR/OLA Seminars on Deposit of Treaty Actions with the Secretary-General and the Registration of Treaties

French Seminar

Tuesday, 7 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.45 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

English Seminar

Wednesday, 8 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.; and *Thursday, 9 November 2006*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Catharina Goldschmidt (tel. 1 (212) 963-9684; e-mail goldschmidt@un.org).]

Other forthcoming activities

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Briefing on preparations for the United Nations Conference on Anti-corruption Measures, Good Governance and Human Rights (8-9 November 2006, Warsaw, Poland) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Poland, in cooperation with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR))

Friday, 13 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room D.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Kate Birmingham, OHCHR (tel. 1 (917) 367-3262).]

Open-ended discussion on an informal global meeting to identify principles to govern the transfer of small arms and light weapons throughout the world (organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada)

Friday, 13 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend.]

Fifth seminar in the "Unlearning intolerance" Seminar Series of the Department of Public Information, entitled "Cartooning for peace"

Monday, 16 October 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Rene Tanov (tel. 1 (917) 367-9326, or e-mail tanov@un.org).]

Dialogue on "Towards implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples" (co-sponsored by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Division for Social Policy and Development, DESA, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Permanent Mission of Mexico)

Monday, 16 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please consult the following Web site: <www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii>.]

Panel discussion on "An emerging form of exploitation of women: Harvesting and trafficking of human eggs" (sponsored by the United States Mission)

Monday, 16 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Peggy Kerry, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4054, e-mail kerrypa@state.gov).]

Panel discussion on "Kids, guns and gangs" (organized by the Permanent Missions of Canada and Slovenia)

Monday, 16 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

[All are invited to attend.]

Launching of the report "Mairin Iwanka Raya, Indigenous Women Stand against Violence" (co-sponsored by the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Division for Social Policy and Development, DESA, the International Indigenous Women's Forum (IIWF/FIMI) and MADRE, an international women's human rights organization)

Tuesday, 17 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please consult the following Web site: <www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii>.]

Observance of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (organized by by the Department of Economic Affairs and the International Movement ATD Fourth World)

Tuesday, 17 October 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the United Nations Garden.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, contact Mr. Donald Lee (tel. 1 (212) 963-8762, e-mail lee27@un.org.) or visit the following Web site: <www.un.org/esa/socdev/poverty/poverty_link3.htm>.]

Special ceremony in observance of World Food Day 2006 on the theme "Investing in agriculture for food security" (organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations)

Wednesday, 18 October 2006, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 4

[All are invited to attend.]

Announcements

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered. The second round of language-specific informational meetings for this year will be held in October and November, according to the following schedule:

Monday, 30 October, from 3 to 6 p.m. *Arabic*
Tuesday, 31 October, from 3 to 6 p.m. *Chinese*
Wednesday, 1 November, from 3 to 6 p.m. *English*
Thursday, 2 November, from 3 to 6 p.m. *French*
Friday, 3 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. *Russian*
Friday, 3 November, from 3 to 6 p.m. *Spanish*

All meetings will take place in Conference Room 8.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Wednesday, 4 October 2006, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distribute all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations a verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts hel interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, when possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

UNITAR Fellowship Programme at Columbia University Law School and UNITAR Visitors Programme at New York University School of Law, for diplomats accredited o the United Nations

The deadline for registration is Monday, 23 October 2006. For further information, p contact the UNITAR office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 963-9196; e-m goldschmidt@un.org; or info@unitarny.org).

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11th meeting

Thematic discussion on item subjects, as well as the introduction and consideratio all draft resolutions submitted under all disarmament and international security a items (82 to 97)

The Committee continued its second stage of work namely the "Thematic discussion on item subjects, as well as the introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under items 82 to 97."

The President-designate of the BWC Review Conference made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Brazil (on behalf of the MERCOSUR), Canada, New Zealand, China, Switzerland, the United States, Republic of Korea, Norway, the Russian Federation, France, Australia, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Belarus and Japan.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

7th meeting

Action on draft resolutions and draft decisions relating to agenda items on decolonization (items 35, 36, 37, 38 and 39)

Information from Non-Self Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations [35]

The Committee adopted draft resolution I, contained in document A/61/23 (Chapter XII), by a recorded vote of 139 to none, with 3 abstentions.

A statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of the United Kingdom.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 35.

Economic and other activities which affect the interests of peoples of the Non-Self Governing Territories [36]

The Committee adopted draft resolution II, contained in document A/61/23 (Chapter XII), by a recorded vote of 146 to 1, with 2 abstentions.

A statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of Argentina.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 36.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations [37]

The representative of Saint Lucia made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft resolution III, contained in document A/61/23, as orally amended, by a recorded vote of 99 to none, with 53 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Finland (in behalf of the European Union) and Argentina.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 37.

Offers by Member States of study and training for inhabitants of Non-Self Governing Territories [38]

The Chairman announced that Egypt had joined in co-sponsoring draft resolution A/C.4/61/L.4.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/61/L.4, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 38.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Question of Western Sahara

The Committee decided to defer action on draft resolution A/C.4/61/L.5 for 24 hours.

Question of Gibraltar

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/61/L.6, without a vote.

Question of New Caledonia

The Committee adopted draft resolution IV, contained in document A/61/23, without vote.

Question of Tokelau

The Committee adopted draft resolution V, contained in document A/61/23, without vote.

Question of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, Saint Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands

The representative of Saint Lucia made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Saint Lucia.

The Committee adopted draft resolution VI, contained in document A/61/23, as orally amended, without a vote.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Argentina and the United Kingdom.

Dissemination of Information on decolonization

The Committee adopted draft resolution VII, contained in document A/61/23 (Chapter XII), by a recorded vote of 153 to 2, with 1 abstention.

A statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of the United Kingdom.

The representative of Mali made a statement.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

The Committee adopted draft resolution VIII, contained in document A/61/23 (Chapter XII), by a recorded vote of 154 to 3, with 3 abstentions.

The representative of the United Kingdom made a statement.

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space

The Chairman made a statement.

The Chairperson of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space made a statement, followed by a presentation by an expert on space technology, and a statement by the Director of the United Nations Office of Outer Space Affairs.

The representative of Chile made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Second Committee

11th meeting

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [64]

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions

(c) Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-items and heard introductory statements by the Chief, Promotion of the Humanitarian Agenda Unit, Policy Development and Studies Branch, OCHA; the Programme and Development Advisor, Mine Action Unit, UNDP; and the President of the White Helmets Commission, Argentina.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union), the Russian Federation, Angola, Serbia, Kuwait, China, Brazil, Liberia, Guatemala, Montenegro and El Salvador.

A statement was made by the observer for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

The Committee then concluded its general discussion under the sub-items.

Organization of work

The Chairperson made a statement.

Third Committee

123th meeting

Advancement of women [61]

(a) Advancement of women

(b) Implementation of the outcome of the fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly

The Committee continued its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Uganda, Eritrea, Lebanon, Tunisia, the Congo, Oman, Israel, Algeria, Malaysia, Haiti, Mali, El Salvador, the United Republic of Tanzania, Bahrain, Nepal, Nigeria, Cameroon and Angola.

A statement was made by the representative of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the International Labour Organization.

130th meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [63]

(a) Promotion and protection of the rights of children

(b) Follow-up to the special session on children

Launch of the Secretary-General's in-depth study on violence against children

The Committee began its consideration of the agenda item.

The Secretary made a statement.

The Chairman made a statement.

The President of the General Assembly addressed the Committee.

The Committee heard presentations on the launch of the Secretary-General's in-dep study on violence against children by the Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs, Executive Office of the Secretary-General, the Independent Expert directin Secretary-General's in-depth study on violence against children, the Acting Directo General of the World Health Organization, the Executive Director of the United Na Children's Fund and the Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights.

The Committee heard a brief presentation by a youth participant.

Question and answer time

The presenters responded to questions posed by H.R.H. the Crown Prince of Norwa and by the representatives of Senegal, Finland (on behalf of the European Union an associated countries), Lebanon, Costa Rica, the Sudan, Brazil, Canada, Singapore, Cuba, Sierra Leone, Egypt, New Zealand, the Syrian Arab Republic, Japan, Cote d'Ivoire, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, the United States and Kenya.

A statement was also made by the observer for Palestine.

General discussion

The Committee began its general discussion of the item and heard a statement by th representative of South Africa.

Fifth Committee

4th meeting

Scale of assessment for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/61/L.2, which had been coorde by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on behalf of the Chairman.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Au [115]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Director of External Audit of the Philippines and Chairman of the Audit Opera Committee of the Board of Auditors introduced the reports of the Board of Auditor (A/61/5 (Vol. I), A/61/5 (Vol. III), A/61/5 (Vol. IV), A/61/5/Add.1, A/61/5/Add.2, A/61/5/Add.3, A/61/5/Add.4, A/61/5/Add.5, A/61/5/Add.6, A/61/5/Add.7, A/61/5/Add.8, A/61/5/Add.9, A/61/5/Add.11, A/61/5/Add.11/Corr.1, A/61/5/Add.1 A/61/61/5/Add.12/Corr.1 and A/61/182).

The Chief, of the Oversight Support Unit introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/61/214 and A/61/214/Add.1).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/61/350).

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; and the EFTA countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova, which aligned themselves with the statement), South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and the United States.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would begin on Friday, 13 October, in the morning, in Conference Room 5, under the chairmanship of Mr. Hesham Mohamed Eman Afifi (Egypt).

Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [127]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the reports of that Office (A/61/264 (Part 1), A/61/264 (Part 1)/Add.1 and A/61/61).

The Controller introduced the note by the Secretary-General (A/61/264 (Part I)/Add.2).

The Chief of Administration, ad interim, at the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia introduced the comments of the Secretary-General (A/61/61/Add.1).

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia; the EFTA country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova, which aligned themselves with the statement), South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the United States, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Switzerland and Nepal.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would be held under the chairmanship of Mr. Karl Van den Bossche (Belgium).

Organization of work

The Chairman reminded the Committee that the deadline for the submission of candidatures to the secretariat of the Fifth Committee in connection with agenda item 106 (sub-items (a) to (e)) (Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments) was Wednesday, 18 October 2006.

Sixth Committee

2nd meeting

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work thirty-ninth session

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 77.

Statements were made by the representatives of Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries), China, Japan, the Russian Federation, Kenya, Canada and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Chairman of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law at its thirty-ninth session made a concluding statement.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on agenda item 77.

Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism

The Committee began its consideration of agenda item 100.

The Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee established by the General Assembly resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996 introduced the report of the Ad Hoc Com (A/61/37).

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Arab Emirates, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Palau, Liechtenstein, the Sudan, Qatar, Finland (on behalf European Union), Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Algeria, Tunisia, Colombia, Kuwait, Viet Nam (on behalf of ASEA countries), the United States and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

The members were informed that the Committee would continue its debate on thi agenda item on Thursday, 12 October 2006.

Economic and Social Council

2006 resumed substantive session

44th meeting

The summary of the 44th meeting of the Economic and Social Council will appea the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2006/198).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention on the International Maritime Organization. Geneva, 6 March 1948

Acceptance: Montenegro (10 October 2006)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization (institutionalization of the Facilitation Committee). London, 7 November 1991

Acceptance: Montenegro (10 October 2006)[1]

Convention relating to the Status of Refugees. Geneva, 28 July 1951

Succession: Montenegro (10 October 2006)[1]

Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees. New York, 31 January 1967

Succession: Montenegro (10 October 2006)[1]

Treaty event

Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network Jakarta, 12 April 2006

Opening for signature

The above Agreement was adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its sixty-second session by resolution number 62/4 on the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network, held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 12 April 2006.

It shall be open for signature by States, which are members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, at Busan, Republic of Korea, on 10 and 11 November 2006, during the Ministerial Conference on Transport, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 16 November 2006 to 31 December 2008.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Chinese, English and Russian texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as feasible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Agreement could notify and, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for month of *October 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States
Gambia
H.E. Mr. Crispin Grey-Johnson

Asian States
Japan
H.E. Mr. Kenzo Oshima

Eastern European States
Bosnia and Herzegovina
H.E. Mr. Miloš Prica

Latin American and Caribbean States
Ecuador
H.E. Mr. Diego Cordovez

Western European and other States
Liechtenstein
H.E. Mr. Christian Wenaweser

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A/61/PV.96	Meeting held on 21 July 2006, 3 p.m. [C]

Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

A/AC.109/2006/SR.8	Meeting held on 12 June 2006, 10 a.m. [A C E F R S]
A/AC.109/2006/SR.9	Meeting held on 12 June 2006, 3 p.m. [A C E F R S]
A/AC.109/2006/SR.11	Meeting held on 15 June 2006, 10 a.m. [A C E F R S]
A/AC.109/2006/SR.12	Meeting held on 16 June 2006, 10 a.m. [A C E F R S]
A/AC.109/2006/SR.13	Meeting held on 22 June 2006, 10 a.m. [A C E F R S]

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A/61/234	Request for the inclusion of an additional item in the agenda of the sixty-first session — Extension of the terms of the ad litem judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
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A/61/380	Item 70 — Report of the International Court of Justice — Secretary-General's Trust Fund to Assist States in the Settlement of Disputes through the International Court of Justice — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/492	Item 44 — Culture of peace — Identical letters dated 28 September 2006 from the Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]

A/61/503 Item 153 — Requests for observer status in the General Assembly — Note dated 5 October 2006 from the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United N addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

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A/C.1/61/5 Item 90 (q) — General and complete disarmament: nuclear disarmament verbale dated 6 October 2006 from the Permanent Mission of India to the Nations addressed to the Chairperson of the First Committee [A C E F R S

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Eighth session

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S/2006/547 Letter dated 19 July 2006 from the Chairman of the Security Council Comm established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

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A/61/507–S/2006/798	Identical letters dated 3 October 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

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